

Legislative Updates of Interest for Higher Education - Week of Mar. 1-5, 2010

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In the House –

Legislation, [H.4664](#), was introduced and referred to the House Education and Public Works Committee that would direct the State Board of Education to require additionally that a GED candidate must participate in the Work Keys program and pass related Work Keys assessments before being eligible to receive a GED.

The House considered [H.4478](#), the Economic Development Competitiveness Act, and sent the bill to the Senate for consideration by the end of the week. Before approving the bill and sending it to the Senate, the House adopted the committee amendment and further amended the bill. Also approved by the House during the week was a Senate bill, [S.964](#), which would enable the Technical College of the Lowcountry to establish an Enterprise Campus Authority. The bill now awaits ratification before being sent to the Governor for consideration.

Budget Update – Ways and Means approved recommendations last week. Information relating to the higher education recommendations is available in the posting for the week of February 22-26 ([Click Here](#)). The full House is expected to receive the budget bill in the upcoming week and debate it during the week of March 15th.

In the Senate –

Legislation received from the House, [H.3192](#), to implement a sunset review process for State government was introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary. On Thursday, [S.1253](#), was introduced and referred to Senate Education. This bill would amend alternative teacher certification so as to provide that a person who holds a bachelor's degree from a nationally accredited college or university, as well as regionally accredited as is the case presently, among other requirements would meet state requirements for alternative certification.

On Tuesday, the Senate received [S.19](#), which relates to campus security at private colleges and universities, from the House with amendments. On March 3, the Senate concurred with the House and the bill was enrolled for ratification. [S.964](#), a companion bill to H.4520 that would enable the Technical College of the Lowcountry to establish an Enterprise Campus Authority, was approved by the Senate during the week and sent to the House. As reported above, by the end of the week the House also approved the bill, and it was enrolled for ratification.

[H.3365](#), Higher Education Efficiency and Administrative Policies Act, and [H.3841](#), Technical College Administrative Efficiencies Act, which had been previously received from Senate Education with amendments remain on the Senate Calendar awaiting further consideration.

*** Bill numbers are linked to the SC General Assembly page and the link goes to the most recent version of the bill.*

Reminder: The above report is not intended to be all inclusive. For additional information on legislation referenced above and other legislation relating to higher education, see CHE's website at <http://www.che.sc.gov/InfoCntr/LegislativeSession10.htm> . Detailed information on the 2010 Session of the General Assembly may be access at www.scstatehouse.gov or from links included on CHE's website.